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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: NEW USE OF LIGANDS TO GABA_B RECEPTORSAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph beneath the title on page 1:

—This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02605, filed March 23, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The use according to claim 1 for increasing NGF and BDNF.

Please add the following claims:

--12. The use according to claim 2 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

--13. The use according to claim 3 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

--14. The use according to claim 4 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--

--15. The use according to claim 5 for increasing NGF and BDNF.--